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PRESIDENT PHILIP:

The regular Session of the 91st General Assembly will please come to order. Will the Members please be at their desks? And will our guests in the gallery please rise? Our prayer today will be given by Pastor Michael Crawford, Rochester United Methodist Church, Rochester, Illinois. Pastor Crawford.

PASTOR MICHAEL CRAWFORD:

(Prayer by Pastor Michael Crawford)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Please remain standing for the Pledge of Allegiance. Senator Sieben.

SENATOR SIEBEN:

(Pledge of Allegiance, led by Senator Sieben)

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Reading of the Journal, Mr. Secretary.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Journals of Wednesday, January 27th, and Thursday, January 28th, 1999, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that the Journals just read by the Secretary be approved, unless some Senator has additions or corrections to offer.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

Senator Myers moves to approve the Journal just read. There being no objection, so ordered. Senator Myers.

SENATOR MYERS:

Mr. President, I move that reading and approval of the Journal of Tuesday, February 2nd, in the year 1999, be postponed, pending arrival of the printed Journal.

PRESIDENT PHILIP:

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Senator Myers moves to postpone the reading and the approval of the Journal, pending the arrival of the printed transcript. There being no objection, so ordered. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Hawkinson, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary, reports Senate Bill 27 Do Pass.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution No. 20, by Senator Shaw and all Members.

Senate Resolution 21, by Senator Link.

They're both death resolutions, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 7, offered by Senator O'Daniel and all Members.

It's a death resolution.

Senate Joint Resolution, Constitutional Amendment, 8, offered by Senator Welch.

Senate Joint Resolution 9, offered by Senators Lisa Madigan, Radogno and Philip.

It's substantive.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Introduction of Bills.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Bill 183, offered by Senator O'Malley.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

House -- or, Senate Bill 184, by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 185, by Senators Syverson and O'Daniel.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 186, by Senator del Valle.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 187, offered by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 188 is presented by Senator Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 189, Senators Myers and Bowles.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 190, presented by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Trotter offers Senate Bill 191.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 192, Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 193, by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 194, Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 195, Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 196, Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 197, by Senator Trotter.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Welch offers Senate Bill 198.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 199, by Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 200, Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 201, Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

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Senate Bill 202, Senator Welch.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Rauschenberger presents Senate Bill 203.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 204, by Senators Rauschenberger and Jacobs.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 205, by Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 206, Senator Radogno.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Parker offers Senate Bill 207.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 208, by Senator Parker.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 209, by Senators Parker, Shadid and others.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 210, by Senators Lisa Madigan, Donahue and Dillard.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 211, by Senators Luechtefeld and Myers.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 212, by Senator Burzynski.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 213 is presented by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 214, by Senator Peterson.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senator Link offers Senate Bill 215.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 216, by Senator Thomas Walsh.

(Secretary reads title of bill)

Senate Bill 217, by Senator Syverson.

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(Secretary reads title of bill)

1st Reading of the bills.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Resolution 22, offered by Senator Dudycz and all Members.

It's a death resolution, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Consent Calendar. Committee Reports.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senator Weaver, Chair of the Committee on Rules, reports that the following Legislative Measures have been assigned: Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Conservation - Senate Bills 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78 and 163; to the Committee on Appropriations - Senate Bills 112, 138, 146, 148, 159, 160, 161 and 162; to the Committee on Commerce and Industry - Senate Bills 79, 85 and 182; to the Committee on Education - Senate Bills 119, 139 and 175; to the Committee on Environment and Energy - Senate Bills 141, 142, 143 and 149; to the Committee on Executive -Senate Bills 106, 118, 147, 155, 157 and 167, and Senate Joint Resolutions 2, 3, 4 and 5; to the Committee on Financial Institutions - Senate Bill 98; to the Committee on Insurance and Pensions - Senate Bills 83, 86, 88, 89, 90, 91, 97, 100, 107, 108, 114, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137 and 158; to the Committee on Judiciary - Senate Bills 80, 87, 94, 101, 105, 109, 116, 121, 172, 173, 176, 177, 178 and 181; to the Committee on Licensed Activities - Senate Bills 122, 123, 124, 125, 126 and 127; to the Committee on Local Government - Senate Bills 96, 99, 103, 130,

131, 151, 152, 153, 154, 156, 168, 169, 170 and 171; to the Committee on Public Health and Welfare - Senate Bills 82 and 117; to the Committee on Revenue - Senate Bills 93, 104, 110, 111, 115,

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120, 128, 132, 140, 144, 145, 165 and 166; to the Committee on State Government Operations - Senate Bills 70, 81, 92, 113, 150, 174, 179 and 180; and to the Committee on Transportation - Senate Bills 84, 95, 102, 129 and 164.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator Rauschenberger, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

For purposes of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your purpose.

SENATOR RAUSCHENBERGER:

I want to inform the Body and -- and the Members that the Senate Appropriation Committee will be meeting in Chicago at the University of Illinois Medical School for a hearing on February 10th. I've made available to most of the Members a brief outline of what we're going to be doing. We're going to be hearing subject matter only on a bill - an appropriation bill - which

would provide for the replacement of the largest public medical school in the United States. For Appropriation members, we will have more details and a map faxed directly to your district offices. Be happy to individually answer questions of Members.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Thank you. We'll now proceed to the Order of Resolutions

Consent Calendar. With leave of the Body, all of those read in

today will be added to the Consent Calendar. Mr. Secretary, have

there been any objections filed to the resolutions on the Consent

Calendar?

SECRETARY HARRY:

No objections are on file, Madam President.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Any discussion? If not, the question is, shall the resolutions on the Consent Calendar be adopted. All those in

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favor, say Aye. Aye. All opposed, Nay. The motion Aye carries and the resolutions are adopted. We're going to adopt the adjournment resolution, but we're not adjourning just then because we will be proceeding to a resolution in memory of a former Member of the Senate. Resolutions.

SECRETARY HARRY:

Senate Joint Resolution 10, offered by Senator Donahue.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 10)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We are not adjourning just yet, because we do have a death resolution involving one of our former Members. Senator Donahue moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of SJR 10. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator Donahue moves for the adoption of Senate -- Senate Joint Resolution 10. Those in favor, say Aye. Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution's adopted. Can we have your attention, please? Senator Madigan, for what purpose do you rise, sir?

SENATOR R. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Madam President. Purpose of an announcement.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

State your announcement, sir.

SENATOR R. MADIGAN:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. On February the 16th, Ladies and Gentlemen, there's going to be a person leaving this end of the business, a person that has worked for the Senate Republican Staff and staffed the Public Health Committee, went on to be the liaison to the Senate for Governor Edgar, and come February the 16th, is going to be joining the staff of Southern Illinois University. I think all of you know what a fine job that Scott Kaiser has done representing those

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issues before us, and I would like -- if we could all join in wishing Scott Kaiser the best in the future in his new career.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

We certainly wish Scott Kaiser well in his new location and new duties. Resolutions.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Resolution 23, offered by Senators O'Malley, Jones and Dudycz.

It is a death resolution.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator O'Malley.

SENATOR O'MALLEY:

Thank you, Madam President. I move to suspend the rules for the immediate consideration of Senate Resolution 23, offered by myself, Senator Jones and Senator Dudycz. This resolution has to do with acknowledging the death of -- of -- of Chicago Police Officer John Knight, who was killed recently in the line of duty and is an outstanding resident of our southwestern community and a -- a longtime member of the Chicago police community, along with his father.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator O'Malley moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Resolution 23. Those in favor will say Aye. Those opposed will say Nay. The Ayes have it. The rules are suspended. Senator O'Malley has moved for the adoption of Senate Resolution 23. Those in favor, say Aye. Opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the resolution is adopted. I would like to call the attention to all -- to all the Members. If I may have your attention, please. The Senate will stand adjourned until 11:30, Wednesday - when we adjourn - February 17. The Governor -- the Governor will be delivering the budget address that day, so please be prompt. We haven't

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adjourned yet. Will the Members be -- please be in their seat? Will the staff please retire to the gallery? And will the doormen please secure the doors? Senate Joint Resolution No. 7. Senator O'Daniel. Resolution.

ACTING SECRETARY HAWKER:

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, offered by Senator O'Daniel and all Members.

(Secretary reads SJR No. 7)

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

Senator O'Daniel moves to suspend the rules for the purpose of the immediate consideration and adoption of Senate Joint Resolution 7. Those in favor, say Aye. All opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it, and the rules are suspended. Senator O'Daniel.

SENATOR O'DANIEL:

Thank you, Madam President, Members of the Senate. I move for the immediate adoption of Senate Joint Resolution No. 7.

PRESIDING OFFICER: (SENATOR GEO-KARIS)

All in favor of this resolution, please rise. This resolution is adopted. May be seated. The Senate will stand adjourned.

Just remember to be prompt at 11:30 on February 17.